Remarks

Claims 1-124 and 145-168 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in one or more continuing applications. No new matter has been introduced.

Election

Pursuant to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2005 the Examiner has separated the claimed invention into 6 groups. See, Office Action No. 08012005, pages 2-3. The Examiner contends that the 6 groups are independent and/or distinct, each from the other, and has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group 5, encompassing claims 125-144, drawn to methods of diagnosing a disorder. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuation applications directed to non-elected inventions should the restriction requirement be made final.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments and remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicant would expedite the examination of this application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

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